

JOHN COLLINS WRITING PROGRAM



DAY 1: INTRODUCTION TO COLLINS WRITING

This session will provide an overview of the Collins Writing Program's Five Types of Writing with a special emphasis on creating effective prompts to build writing fluency, critical thinking, and content knowledge. This session will also provide specific lists of writing skills by grade level that are aligned to the PA Core and will demonstrate strategies to teach these skills.

Participants will learn how to . . .

- ⇒ Integrate writing into every class—without sacrificing the teaching of content
- ⇒ Utilize writing as a catalyst to enhance the quality of classroom discussions
- ⇒ Employ the power of "effortful retrieval" by using frequent formative assessment
- ⇒ Empower students to use self-monitoring and peer feedback during the writing process—accomplish more in less time
- ⇒ Select from specific, grade level criteria aligned to the PA Core that help students become career and college ready
- ⇒ Implement a portfolio and authentic assessment model that is manageable

DAY 2: OPINION AND ARGUMENT WRITING

This session will concentrate on strategies for teaching students how to create multi-paragraph opinion and argument essays in all subject areas. There will be a special emphasis on developing clear claim statements, creating reasons to support claims, and using evidence to develop reasons.

Participants will learn how to . . .

- ⇒ Use specific, grade level criteria aligned to the PA Core that define essential skills for opinion and argument writing
- ⇒ Guide students through a process of creating clearly stated claims and acknowledging counter-claims
- ⇒ Help students create compelling reasons that support their claims
- ⇒ Help students create clear body paragraphs and strong conclusions
- ⇒ Combine the Ten Percent Summary and argument writing strategies into units of instruction

Location: Westmoreland Intermediate Unit

Dates: October 6 and 7, 2015

Act 48: 12 Hours

Session Times: 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. 8:00 AM-Registration

Cost: \$199, includes the book, Improving Student Performance Through Writing and Thinking Across the Curriculum and lunch

Presenter: John Collins

Registration Link: <http://tinyurl.com/collins15>